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38. (new) The interferon deficient substrate of Claim 37, wherein the interferon deficient substrate is an immature embryonated egg.

39. (new) The interferon deficient substrate of Claim 38, wherein the immature embryonated egg is a chick egg less than ten days old.

40. (new) The interferon deficient substrate of Claim 39, wherein the immature embryonated egg is a chick egg six to nine days old.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were pending in this application. Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in related applications. New Claims 23-40 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Therefore, Claims 23-40 will be pending in this application upon entry of the instant amendment. A copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The new claims are fully supported by the instant specification, see *e. g.*, page 13, lines 1-29, page 14, line 1 to page 21, line 15, and Section 5.3, and do not represent new matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. §132.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct the claim to priority. In particular, the specification has been amended to reflect the fact that this application is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/332,286, filed June 11, 1999, which is entitled to and claims priority benefit to U.S. application Serial No. 60/108,832, filed November 18, 1998, and U.S. application Serial No. 60/089,103, filed June 12, 1998. A marked up version of the amended paragraph showing the amendments made herein is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In Exhibit A, the matter deleted from the paragraph is indicated by brackets and the matter added is indicated by underlining. A replacement of the paragraph in the specification amended, incorporating all amendments made herein to the paragraph, is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. §132.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the instant application.

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EXHIBIT A

MARKED VERSION OF PARAGRAPH IN THE SPECIFICATION

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/724,419

This application is a a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/332,286, filed on June 11, 1999, which is entitled to and claims priority benefit to [continuation-in-part of] Application Serial No. 60/117,683, filed January 29, 1999[;], Application Serial No. 60/108,832, filed November 18, 1998[;], and Application Serial No. 60/089,103, filed June 12, 1998, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

EXHIBIT B
REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH
U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/724,419

On page 1, please replace the second paragraph, beginning at line 7 in the specification with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/332,286 filed June 11, 1999, which is entitled to and claims priority benefit to Application Serial No. 60/117,683, filed January 29, 1999, Application Serial No. 60/108,832, filed November 18, 1998, and Application Serial No. 60/089,103, filed June 12, 1998, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.